THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Compensation of Oil spilled by a Danish Tanker

1460. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since decided on the amount it should seek as compensation for the 40,000 tonnes of oil spilled by Danish Tanker off the coast of great Nicobar Island in January, 1993;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay over filing of the oil spill claim;

(d) the estimated damage caused by this oil slick; and

(e) the stage at which the matter stands at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Claims for an amount of Rs. 13.6 crores (approx) and an amount of Rs. 6.75 crores for reimbursement of mobilisation, administrative and coordination expenses for clearing the oil spill and for ecological damage, respectively, have been filed.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Same as indicated at (b) above.

(e) The claims have been filed with the Protection and Indemnity Club of the shipowners.

Operation of DTC buses

1461. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC)) buses standing idle in the depots, depot-wise, and since when;

(b) the reasons for these buses standing idle and the reasons for not taking measures to put those buses on the road;

(c) whether there is also any proposal to withdraw the Delhi Transport Corporation buses from the inter-State routes;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and what impact that will have on the profitability of the DTC;

(e) how much losses have been suffered by the Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) in each of the last three years, giving the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken to improve the functioning of the Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC), to keep a check on the arbitrariness of the privately operated buses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MNIISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) As on 1.2.1995, 1007 buses were standing idle and this situation has come about in a steady manner since 1994 onwards. The requisite depot-wise break up is given in Statement (See below)

(b) These buses are standing idle for want of crucial spare parts, tyres etc. as also on account of non-replacement of over aged fleet. As on 1-2-1995, 961 buses constituting 27.45 per cent of the fleet had already outlived their normal life. Necessary re-